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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Reyes, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/851,410

FILED: May 7, 2001

FOR: ENTERICALLY TRANSMITTED NON-A/NON-B HEPATITIS  
VIRAL AGENT AND CHARACTERISTIC EPITOPE  
THEREOF

EXAMINER: Mosher, Mary

ART UNIT: 1648

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**Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.